

| WAILUKU WEATHER | | | |
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| | Max. | Min. | R'fall |
| Apr. 11 | 78 | 68 | .00 |
| Apr. 12 | 80 | 68 | .00 |
| Apr. 13 | 81 | 66 | .00 |
| Apr. 14 | 80 | 65 | .00 |
| Apr. 15 | 82 | 67 | .00 |
| Apr. 16 | 81 | 67 | .00 |
| Apr. 17 | 83 | 66 | .00 |
| No appreciable rainfall. | | | |

SEMI-WEEKLY MAUI NEWS

"FOR THE VALLEY ISLE FIRST"

THIS WEEK'S MAIls
To the Coast: Saturday Nite Tuesday, Ventura; Wednesday, Wilhelmina and Taiyo Maru.
From the Coast: Tomorrow, Shinyo Maru; Saturday, Makura (Vancouver); Tuesday, Matsonia.

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Homesteading Failure Made Clear in Reports On Waiakea Situation

Land Commissioner Bailey and Sugar Expert Horner Report on Conditions on Big Island and Mill Company Replies; Meeting In Governor's Office.

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HONOLULU, April 18.—A radical change must be effected in the conduct of the homesteads at Waiakea with the least possible delay if failure is to be avoided and the homesteaders saved from financial ruin, according to the reports by C. T. Bailey, territorial land commissioner, and Albert Horner, territorial sugar expert, and the answer by the Waiakea Mill Company, which were made to Governor Wallace R. Farrington, and released for publication today.

This is practically the only point upon which the territorial investigators' report and the mill company answer agreed.

Radically Wrong

The official investigation report declares that "there appears to be some thing radically wrong in the manner in which work entrusted to the Waiakea Mill company by the homesteaders has been done. The attitude of the mill has not been helpful." In the mill's defense against this allegation, A. A. Young, vice-president, said that the situation "has largely developed from the fact that the mill company has been reduced from the status of a sugar producing and manufacturing company, to that of only a sugar manufacturer. To rehabilitate its field forces, the company must be restored to the position of a sugar producing, as well as a manufacturing concern; and it can readily be seen that the only practical way to attain this is to place a substantial acreage of cane lands definitely under the control of the mill company, so that contracts with laborers can be safely entered into."

There is no hope for success in the Waiakea project under present conditions, the report of Commissioner Bailey and Sugar Expert Horner said.

Bailey-Horner Report

There is no hope for success in the Waiakea homesteading project under present conditions and radical changes must be made immediately if failure is to be avoided and the homesteaders saved from financial ruin, according to the report on the Waiakea situation made by Charles T. Bailey, territorial land commissioner, and Albert Horner, territorial sugar expert, to Governor Wallace R. Farrington, which was made public today.

The principal findings of the investigators are:

"Too much money is being spent under present methods for the results obtained."

Funds for the "cultivation of the stools from which the 1922 crop is being harvested must be made available at once and approximately \$200,000 will be required to care for these stools for the 1924 crop."

The financial outlook "is depressing in view of the fact that there is a debt of \$350,000 against the tract at present and \$350,000 will be required to carry on the cultivation of the 1923 and 1924 crops, especially in view of the prospect for small crops in 1923 and 1924."

Conditions must be improved by having the "homestead interests represented as a unit by a central authority whose entire time and energy would be expended in the management of the homesteaders' affairs. This, however, is not so desirable as personal attention by the homesteader."

There "appears to be something radically wrong in the manner in which work entrusted to the Waiakea Mill Company by the homesteaders has been done. The attitude of the mill has not been helpful, and without sympathetic cooperation between the mill company and the homesteaders, the project cannot be a success."

The report details the investigation conducted by Bailey and Horner in January in which they visited each lot, and a full statement concerning each lot was attached to the report. The report told also of the employment of R. G. Dods, accountant, to examine the books of the mill company regarding the various contracts with the homesteaders.

"An examination shows that the field of cane per acre for 1921 was very light, while the cost of production was very high," the report said. The sugar produced sold at a low price, and as a result of this combination, a large majority of the homesteaders find themselves in an embarrassing financial situation, their debit balances ranging from a few dollars to more than \$300 per acre. In many cases the loss on this one crop exceeds the appraised value of the lot and the debit balance on this crop as shown by the books of the mill company exceeds \$113,000. In addition to this, unknown amounts secured

from other sources were expended on the crop."

Figures Show Losses

The report then furnished figures on certain lots, each of which showed a loss, ranging from \$1,100 to \$7,019. The yield for the 1922 crop will be light, the report estimating at 36,971 tons.

"Against this crop, advances of \$405,417 as of December 31, 1921, have been made by the mill company. Adding the estimated cost of harvesting, \$51,128, and about \$50,000 advanced by the farm loan board, banks and others, gives a total charge of \$507,546 against the crop. With sugar at 5 cents, the probable net receipts by the homesteaders are estimated at \$184,855, leaving a deficit of \$322,691, estimated. Unless there is a decided advance in the price of sugar, the producers of this crop will have a much larger debit balance than the producers of the 1921 crop," the report said, adding that the 1923 crop also would be light, and would increase the "burdens of the homesteaders who are now staggering under a heavy debt carried over from 1921."

The report then details the outstanding features of the situation, including an apparent lack of system and absence of proper supervision in connection with the cultivation, either by the mill or by the homesteaders themselves; enormous sums are spent for cultivation, but it appears that the work is not done in proper sequence or at the proper time; and with owner living on house lot, distance to cane lot and lack of roads has made labor by self or supervision of laborers difficult or impossible.

"Most of the homesteaders were inexperienced in cane cultivation and most of them were without the cash or credit necessary to undertake a project, the proper handling of which requires an outlay of considerable capital," the report continues.

Some Lack Interest

"Many applicants desired house lots only, as is indicated by the fact that many who take no interest in their cane land have substantial homes and well kept grounds on their house lots. This lack of interest on the part of the homesteader tends to make him dependent too much upon others for conduct of his business in connection with his homestead, and one's business always suffers unless given personal supervision."

"There is lack of proper cooperation between the homesteaders and the mill company, which furnishes the bulk of the funds and labor for cultivation. The homesteaders question almost every act of the management and on the other hand, the management is not as helpful in its business relations with the homesteaders as it should be. The result is that less efficient work is done by the mill for the homesteader than is done on the mill's own fields."

"Exhibit three shows lot 720, harvested in April, 1919 by the mill for its own account with a yield of between 55 and 60 tons of cane per acre and the lot just after harvesting in 1921 with yield of 26.3 tons per acre grown by the mill for the homesteader."

"Lavish advances have been made but the money in most cases had not been spent wisely. On one lot, \$550 per acre has been charged by the mill company for cultivation of the 1922 crop, yet the lot is estimated to yield only 8 tons of cane per acre. High cost of production is to be expected in view of high wages and high cost of materials, but it is to be expected also that with such expenditures, at least normal crops would be produced. Without increasing the tonnage by more efficient cultivation, even a decided advance in the price of sugar will not enable these people to pay off their obligations. The total debt against this tract, including estimated loss on 1922 crop, overdue land payments and taxes, is approximately \$869,000."

Funds Needed Now

"About \$65,000 has been spent on the 1923 crop to date and it will cost at least \$150,000 more to bring the crop to maturity. Funds for the cultivation of the stools from which the 1922 crop is being harvested must be made available at once. Approximately \$200,000 will be required for the care of these stools for the 1924 crop."

"The above figures do not take into consideration the funds that will be required to restore the 2400 acres which have been abandoned and which will have to be plowed and planted before same will again produce a crop."

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Appropriation Bill For Quarter Passed Board of Supervisors

Increase of \$750 for the three months of the present quarter in the allowance for child welfare work, a reduction of \$1000 in the allowance for expenses of circuit court for this quarter over last and the transfer of the items of \$60 for hospital incidentals and \$2100 for county physicians salaries to the hospitals account were the only changes made in the appropriation bill passed by the board of supervisors Friday afternoon from the bill passed for the first quarter of the year. The allowance for child welfare work for the quarter is \$6000. The appropriation bill carries \$72,872.50 as compared with \$76,282.50.

The board of supervisors is still without full and accurate information as to what will be the assessed valuation of the county for the present year and in consequence without definite figures on what will be the actual revenue to the county. The figures which it has, however, indicate that the preliminary estimates of probable revenue were sufficiently conservative and that county expenditures are being kept within the bounds of the revenue. But thus far, there is no indication that the supervisors can loosen up purse strings to any great extent during the last six months of the year.

With the figures of the last appropriation bill, that for the first quarter of the year, the expenditures from each item and the balance left of each item and for each fund before them, the board passed its appropriation bill quickly. It held that the items in the health department for hospital incidentals and for county physicians salaries should properly be paid from the special taxes for the hospitals and sanitarium and those items were stricken and so transferred.

F. B. Cameron told of the cutting down of allowances for child welfare and said that if the extra \$750 he asked be granted the board could meet all present cases and take care of any probable new cases. He said the overhead expenses of the board are only \$150.

It was shown that \$2000 for circuit court expenses would probably be sufficient for the coming three months as there were not likely to be any large expenditures for jury fees.

Road work allowances are held to the same figures as last quarter the appropriations by districts for roads and bridges, aside from the loan fund work that is being or is to be done as follows: Wailuku, \$2500; Makawao, \$2500; Lahaina, \$2500; Hana, \$1875; Molokai, \$1250.

Plight of Ireland Worse; Live Sought Of Collins by Bullet

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

BELFAST, April 18.—Disorders continue. Scores are reported to have been wounded.

Seven houses were burned on Antigua street yesterday. There was considerable firing in that neighborhood and two were wounded.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

DUBLIN, April 17.—It was officially announced that an attempt has been made to assassinate Michael Collins shortly after midnight, simultaneously with an attack made from ambush on the "Beggars Bush" headquarters of the Irish Republic Army. Collins was returning from a meeting in Kildare when a group met and opened fire on his automobile. Collins was apparently the special target. His men returned the fire and captured one attacker who was armed with a revolver and carried a bomb. Riflemen attacked the headquarters but the garrison succeeded in driving them off. Collins speaking at Kildare said De Valera adopted methods of anarchy because people and civilians were unwilling to allow him to decide the treaty question for them.

Reports from Belfast say Griffith addressed a meeting of the discordant factions at Sligo where the free states fired once upon the republicans, injuring six. A later report says Sligo is isolated from Dublin, there being no wires remaining intact.

Open Door, Japan's Policy in Siberia

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

TOKIO, April 17.—Japan instructed her delegates to withdraw from the Dairen conference with representatives of the Siberian government being held at Chita. The foreign office said the delegates were withdrawn because the Chita forces made counter proposals regarding the evacuation of the Japanese from Siberia which upset the agreement made regarding the protection of life and property. The open door policy by Japan has been officially announced. A divisional staff brigade of infantry, a regiment of cavalry, and a battalion of engineers and field artillery is to replace the troops stationed in Siberia.

Supervisors Act To Secure Lands Lahaina School

Strong Resolutions Are Passed and Copies Will Be Forwarded Governor and Superintendent of Instruction.

For months past the board of supervisors has been endeavoring to have a site secured for new school buildings for Kamehameha III school which is next on the school building program following the Puunene school house. When additional room was required at the opening of the school the supervisors would have only a temporary structure erected pending the putting into effect of the extensive construction work plans that had been tentatively decided upon. Within the past few months there has been a voluminous correspondence between Supervisor D. T. Fleming and Governor Farrington.

Consider Price High

In the course of affairs and in connection with the securing of land adjacent to the present grounds there was a board of appraisers named which fixed the value of the property desired at 20 cents a foot. That figure the board of supervisors has considered too high and has been informed by the Territorial officials that there is not enough funds to acquire the whole tract desired at that price per foot. The board has been seeking a new appraisal by a new board of appraisal. It holds that the price at which beach lots were sold by the territory and the price at which a part of the land sought was purchased by Pioneer Mill Company are far below the figures named by the board of appraisers. It has been said at the supervisor's meetings that the mill company would sell its holdings at a much lower price than 20 cents a foot, that a part of the land is swampy and would have to be filled in and the members believe that the property should be acquired for fully a third less than the appraised price.

Resolution Passes

There was some discussion of the Kamehameha III school complications at the Wednesday session of the board and Friday afternoon the following resolution was adopted: "Be it resolved by the board of supervisors of the County of Maui, Territory of Hawaii, that

"Whereas, the situation with reference to the land and buildings at the Kamehameha III School at Lahaina is such that there is to be insufficient land for the construction of new school buildings and cottages without unduly crowding the present structures, and

"Whereas, it is evident that in the very near future additional school buildings and teachers' cottages will be required, and

"Whereas, the present condition of school grounds at said Lahaina is such that there are at present wholly inadequate toilet facilities, and because of lack of room for additional toilets the Board of Health of the Territory of Hawaii has protested against the conditions prevailing, and

"Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Maui has repeatedly recommended that additional ground be acquired for school purposes at said Lahaina adjacent to the present school grounds, and

"Whereas additional grounds deemed by the Board of Supervisors necessary to be acquired have been regularly appointed, at a figure which the Board of Supervisors is considering unreasonable and exorbitant, and which figure the Board of Supervisors is informed is far beyond the amount available for acquiring such new grounds, and

"Whereas the situation at present and as it will be in the very near future is intolerable,

"Therefore, the attention of the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii and the Superintendent of Public Instruction is directed to the existing conditions at said Lahaina, and the said Governor of the Territory of Hawaii and the Superintendent of Public Instruction are urged to immediately acquire for school purposes at said Lahaina, sufficient ground at least to provide room for such additional buildings and toilets as are and will be within the next year, absolutely required."

"And be it further resolved that certified copies of this resolution be by the Clerk forwarded to the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii and the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Territory of Hawaii."

Bathers at Waikiki Are Forced to Clothe Selves

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HONOLULU, April 17.—Sheriff Rose and his deputies invaded the Waikiki beach enforcing the Desha law which forbids bathers from making "undecent" exposure of their bodies on the beach. Rose told the bathers either to get into the water or to get a robe to cover them. He said "bathers must keep themselves covered either with clothes or water, there will be no more basking on the sands in bathing suits."

Defenses of Hawaii Shown As Important To Senate Committee

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Urging the completion of the defense program in both Hawaii and Panama as an integral feature in the defense of continental United States, Colonel H. D. Wells, head of the war plans division of the general staff, appeared before the senate appropriations committee.

Wells criticized the pending army bill as inadequate and tending to wreck the progress already made in national defense. Regarding the Philippines, he said that adequate defense for that possession would involve the maintenance on the island of Luzon, a garrison of 100,000 men and generous provisions for aircraft to be supplemented by a considerable force of submarines, but he added, that under the provisions of the four power treaty additional defenses in the Philippines were prohibited. He said the blow to the loss of any other possession than the loss of any other possession.

Oahu Impregnable

Wells explained that the defense of Hawaii centered on Oahu, on which island was located the base at Pearl Harbor which he considered the base from where a fleet may best protect the west coast of the United States, Alaska, and the Panama canal. Continuing he said Oahu was the most impregnable of any of the islands and located in a strategic position in the Pacific Ocean. He said that the reserve ammunition and supplies to be maintained there are based on the compound requirements to be had for self sustenance for months. In order to prepare the island for this defense he said the authorization of construction requested in the estimates unquestionably should be made as the amount needed is small compared with its importance in connection with the whole plan of defense.

Storms and Floods Do Great Damage in Mid-Western States

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 18.—A series of electric and wind storms swept across Indiana and Illinois yesterday afternoon leaving a swathe of ruined farms and demolished villages behind. Tremendous rains accompanied the tornado and washouts have isolated some points.

Deaths reported last night included two at Lafayette, Ind., six at Alexandria, Ill., six at Hendricks, Ind., four at Irvington, Ill., one at Newton, Ill., and two at Plainfield, Ill. Plainfield was almost obliterated by the storm which also struck Orestes and Summitville, near Alexandria. Muncie reports heavy damages but no deaths.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 18.—The Illinois river flood has grown worse as the storm continued. Adjutant General Black has sent tents to Riverpool and the mayor of Havana. From many towns residents are reported to be in flight.

Reports from Chicago say the storm of yesterday occasioned a death loss of probably more than 50 and millions of damage to property.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

CHICAGO, April 17.—Tornadoes raging throughout Kansas, Indiana and Illinois last night are believed to have killed at least eight persons and injured dozens more. Scores of people are homeless and it is thought the damage will run into millions. Details are meager owing to broken wires.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PINE BLUFF, Arkansas, April 17.—Calls have been sent from Arkansas City to all towns within a radius of 30 miles for men and supplies to aid in the fight being waged there to prevent the Mississippi levees from breaking. The situation is said to be "extremely serious."

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

CENTRALIA, Illinois, April 17.—One baby was killed and two adults seriously injured by the tornado here. Irvington communication wires are down and the railroad depot was carried two hundred feet and landed undamaged. The tornado is also reported having passed through Walnut Hill and Shookville.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HONOLULU, April 17.—In a flower decked court room with the Honolulu bar generally in attendance besides numbers of friends, E. C. Peters and Antonio Perry took their oaths of office as Justices of the Supreme Court today. Justice Edging administered the oaths.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PLANE REACHES CAPE VERDE

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PORTAPRAYA, Cape Verde Islands, April 18.—The Portuguese airplane that is undertaking a flight from Europe to Brazil reached here safely from St. Vincent, yesterday.

Russia-Germany Treaty is Upset To Genoa Plans

Reports Says Delegates Told They Must Leave Commission on Russian Affairs or Cancel Pact

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

GENOA, April 18.—Affairs of the economic conference here have been thrown into confusion by the signing on Sunday of a treaty between Russia and Germany by the delegates of those countries to this convention. British spokesmen said the action of the Germans in signing the treaty which abrogates the Brest-Litovsk pact is a breach of loyalty to the idea of the conference and is a challenge to Europe but that, nevertheless they do not think it will result in a breaking up of the conference.

Lloyd George expresses the opinion that the Russo-German treaty has tended to divide Europe into two camps, the very thing the conference sought to avoid.

The treaty which came as a complete surprise to the conference besides abrogating the Brest-Litovsk document provides for the reestablishment of diplomatic relations and cancels all war claims and claims growing out of the nationalization of property.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PARIS, April 18.—A dispatch from Genoa says that the allies are drafting a note to the German and Russian delegations notifying them that they must leave the commission of the conference which is dealing with Russian affairs or abandon their treaty.

Poincare has called all the government ministers who are in Paris to a cabinet meeting to consider the new pact. The newspapers here consider the action by the Russians and Germans as a blow to the prestige of Lloyd George before the Genoa conference but are inclined to view it almost with satisfaction. Reports from London say the British newspapers almost unanimously condemn the Russian-German treaty as a blow aimed at the purposes of the Genoa conference and charge both signatories with bad faith.

The allies today informed the German delegates that since Germany has effected arrangements with Russia the German delegates will be debarred from further participation in discussions of conditions of the agreement between Russia and the other countries represented at the conference.

Dr. Walter Rathenau, German foreign minister protested the decision.

Massacre of Greeks By Turks Reported

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

LONDON, April 17.—Dispatches from Athens say an Italian steamer has brought news of a great fire and massacre of Christians at Samsoun on the Black Sea coast of Asia Minor. According to the dispatch the massacre was in progress ten days ago when the Italian ship left there. The ship's officers said that Turkish Nationalists headed by Turk officers surrounded and set fire to the Greek quarters, shooting all who fled. Thousands of Greek women and children rushed to the waterfront taking refuge on steamers and ships. An American warship in the neighborhood was wirelessed to hasten to the rescue.

Unfair Treatment of Hawaii by Federal Government Opposed

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HONOLULU, April 18.—Governor Farrington conferred this morning with prominent citizens to consider ways and means to "meet the persistent refusal of the federal government at Washington to recognize Hawaii as an integral part of the United States and to discriminate against the territory in the matter of appropriations. Among those at the meeting were Frank Atherton, E. B. Clark, secretary of the chamber of commerce, L. A. Thurston and former Governor Frear.

It was decided at the meeting that the Governor will later call a conference of representatives of various organizations, civic and other, to consider the subject further.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HONOLULU NEEDS CASH

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HONOLULU, April 17.—A delegation of city and county officials went before the Territorial Treasurer Lewis today and protested against reductions in the assessed valuations here. They said the city and county is facing a deficit of \$390,000 and declared that many discrepancies are apparent in the proposed new valuations which would deprive the municipality of much needed additional tax money.